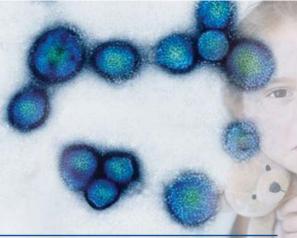




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TARGET AUDIENCE

The target audience for this CME/CE program is pediatricians, pediatric nurse practitioners, and public health clinicians.

STATEMENT OF NEED

The severe morbidity as well as the mortality from influenza epidemics affect all ages, particularly young children. Despite availability of a influenza vaccination, high rates of infection and transmission continue among children. Increasing healthcare workers' understanding of the influenza vaccine may help alleviate these problems and related social burdens.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this educational activity, participants should be able to:

- Discuss the burden of influenza and the healthcare worker's role in its prevention through vaccination
- Differentiate among the available influenza vaccines to identify the best option for each child in the prevention of flu
- Educate patients and their parents on the importance of influenza vaccination, and address parents' concerns
 over vaccine safety
- Describe CDC/ACIP recommendations and objectives for influenza vaccination

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